

Remarks

Claims 12, 13 and 19 have been amended to remedy the informalities cited in the Office action. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 12 through 19 as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view Peltier respectfully is requested in view of the following remarks.

According to Peltier, in the manufacture of engines utilizing fuel injectors, it has been found that such injectors must operate precisely in terms of timing and duration in order to provide efficient operation of the engine. It further has been found that because of the nature of the manufacture of such injectors, the functional characteristics of such injectors vary which results in a variation of the operating performances of such injectors and corresponding dysfunctioning of the engines in which such injectors are installed.

In contending with such variances in the functional characteristics of injectors, Peltier proposes not tightening up of manufacturing processes in order to provide injectors of uniform functional characteristics but simply providing a procedure for compensating for the deficiencies in the functional characteristics of such injectors. Specifically, he proposes doing so simply by producing the injectors in the ordinary course of manufacturing without tightening up on any such procedure, determining the characteristics of each of the injectors and recording such data on bar codes provided on or accompanying each of such injectors. Upon installation of such injectors in an engine by an end user, the user would provide for scanning such bar codes to ascertain the specific functional conditions of each of such injectors, and then generating a compensating signal to be incorporated into the operating system of the engine in which the injector is installed to compensate for any deviation in the operating performance of the injector from a prescribed reference standard.

In no manner does Peltier contemplate or teach the insertion of an identifier in a module functional to operate the control of a particular component of a vehicle, the reading

and storing of such an identifier in a memory module of an electronic operating system of a vehicle and comparing such stored identifier with an identifier of a replacement module to determine the suitability of the replacement module. Accordingly, it is submitted that neither Schawartz nor Peltier teaches any modification of the other of such references to arrive at the method and system as recited in the claims under rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 12 through 18 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed y to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.005.US0000.

Respectfully submitted,



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